To His Excellency *Thomas* Earl of *Wharton*, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of *Ireland*.

The Humble ADDRESS of the *Knights*, *Citizens*, and *Burgeſſes* in Parliament Aſſembled.

May it pleaſe Your Excellency,

WE cannot better Expreſs the Pleaſure We receive from the Early Care and Endeavours uſed by Your Excellency, to Diſcover and bring to Puniſhment thoſe Inſolent Miſcreants, who ſince Our late Adjournment have with equal Malice and Baſeneſs Inſulted and Defaced the Statue of His late Majeſty King William *the Third of Glorious Memory, than by owning it in the moſt Publick Manner, as an inſtance of Your Excellency's Gratitude to the Memory of that Great* PRINCE, *and of Your Vigilance and Concern for Our Preſervation from the Enemies of Our Peace and Happy Eſtabliſhment, who Envy Our late Glorious Sovereign the Honour of a Statue, Erected as a Teſtimony, how much was owing to Our Deliverer from* Popery *and* Slavery.

His Memory muſt be ever Dear to all Men, except thoſe who Deſire to bring Our Religion, Lives, Liberties, and Properties, into the ſame Dangers again, from which His Courage and Conduct ſo Bravely and Seaſonably Reſcued them: And ſuch We unanimouſly Declare all thoſe to be, who on any Pretence whatſoever Endeavour to Reflect on the Juſtice of the late Happy Revolution, the Memory of Gods great Inſtrument in Effecting it, or the Neceſſary Means made uſe of in bringing it about.

Had their Impotent Rancour and Malice fully Accompliſh't their Deſign by entirely Demoliſhing and Deſtroying that Monument of Our Gratitude, yet, We are perſwaded His Glorious Name would always be Remembred with Honour, and continued Dear to a People Delivered by Him from Popiſh Superſtition *and* French Slavery, *and to whoſe Reign we are indebted for thoſe Ineſtimable Laws, which exclude all* Popiſh *Succeſſors, and Settle the Crown on Our Preſent Moſt Gracious QUEEN and the Heirs of Her Body being* Proteſtants, *and for want of ſuch Iſſue, on the Moſt Illuſtrious Houſe of* Hannover, *ſo that if We have any true Regard for Her Majeſty's Title, for Our Moſt Holy Religion, or for Our Civil Liberties; We cannot ſufficiently Acknowledge Your Excellency's Generous Care to Detect ſo Baſe and Barbarous a Fact; nor omit any Opportunity of Expreſſing Our Deteſtation of thoſe whoſe repeated Indignities offered to the Memory of Our great Deliverer, are ſufficient Indications of their being Enemies to Our Happy Conſtitution in Church and State, and of their affection to the Pretender.*

And thereupon His Excellency was Pleaſed to Return the Anſwer following.

I Am very well Pleaſed that My Endeavours for the Diſcovery of this Villainous Attempt, have been pleaſing to You, I had been the moſt ungrateful of all Men living, had I not done what lay in Me to that End; and I'm ſure that neither You, nor I, nor any good Proteſtant, *can ever do too much to ſhow the Eternal Value that We Retain for the Memory of that Great* PRINCE.

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